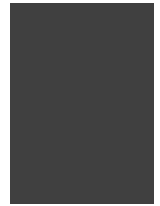


SERMON NOTES

Week 2 July 13, 2025

"Captain America: Brave New World"

Ephesians 6:12; Galatians 6:7-10; Matthew 6:1-4



I. Introduction

- A. Like God, we are called to do _____ to all.
- B. In our world we often see a _____ of hatred and violence.
- C. Working _____ is difficult, yet it is what God desires and designed us for.

II. Conflict & Resolution

- A. _____ creates division and destroys relationships.
- B. We do good for _____'s sake, not for a reward.
- C. The cycle can only be mended with reconciliation, healing, and deliberate _____.

III. On the Other Side of Uncomfortable

- A. Help comes from the Lord:
 - a. directly from the _____
 - b. the teachings and our relationship with _____
 - c. _____ that God sends into our lives
 - d. So much more
- B. The real enemy is not a person but _____.
- C. Always strive to do _____ for God.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Superheroes. Individuals who fight for good, help people, and give them hope against all kinds of major and minor situations. Captain America: Brave New World continues the events of the Marvel cinematic universe following the new Captain America, Sam Wilson. The world is still trying to come back together after the return of those “snapped” by Thanos 5 years ago, tensions over superheroes persist, and unique global and/or galactical threats keep emerging. As we consider this film let us learn to overcome the past, work together, and see the good in one another to increase our faith and witness in the world for Jesus Christ. Amen?

Monday: Matthew 6:19-21

Typically, superheroes have a secret identity so that praise comes to their persona or what they represent, not them individually. Jesus’ instruction for his followers is to not seek immediate recognition or rewards but, rather, to please God first and foremost. What good deed can you do this week that can go unnoticed by others but still helps build the Kingdom of God?

Tuesday: Jonah 4:1-3

President Ross and many others in this film hold deep anger and hatred for past events. We, too, may struggle with reconciling the past. Jonah struggled with knowing with God’s goodness and seeing it extended to those his people had bad history with. What in your life needs reconciled and healed so you can let go of anger and hatred?

Wednesday: Psalm 7 (in its entirety)

As believers, we serve God who both shields us from evil while also judges justly. However we must wrestle with our own sins as we seek to serve God and help bring the Kingdom to earth through the teachings of Jesus. What sin do you need God’s help with today?

Thursday: “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH#560, <https://hymnary.org/hymn/UMH/560>

While God designed us to be social beings in relationship with God and one another, we can struggle to get along with one another at times. As we seek to reconcile all things through God, what is one step you can take this week to mend and/or build up a relationship in your life?

Friday: 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

As the title of the film suggests, Captain America - and the universe the story is set in - is seeking to make a new and better world for all. As Christians, we find new life in Jesus from the old ways of sin and darkness. Let us seek to let go of the past and live into God’s new reality. Amen.

MOVING FORWARD

While trying to close the gap between the Kingdom of God and our world, we struggle in the here-and-now. As sin fractures relationships and harms people, we push back in faith through actions from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we not grow discouraged in doing good for God that changes the world.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) good B) cycle C) together. IIA) self-interest, B) God’s, C) action. IIIA) Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, People, B) sin, C) good.